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In re the application of: ) **Confirmation No. 9133**  
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**AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005 is due by August 18, 2005.  
Therefore, please accept this Amendment as timely filed.

For the purpose of placing the above-captioned application in immediate condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better form for appeal, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116.

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.